Regulatory Commission and Common Minimum National Action Plan

4376. SHRI SANATAN BISHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the details of States where regulatory commissions have been set up as per the common minimum national action plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): Orissa is the only State where a regulatory commission in the electricity sector has been set up.

CEA Clearance to Pending Private Power Projects

4377. SHRI AKHILISH DAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private power projects in the country awaiting clearance from the Central Electricity Authority;

(b) how many of them have been cleared, with total investment involved;

(c) what is the target of power generation and whether it would meet the requirement of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) As on 30.4.1997, Central Electricity Authority (CEA) had accorded techno-economic clearance to 20 proposals for setting up power proejcts in the private sector and complete Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for six proposals for setting up power projects in the private sector have been received in the CEA for accord of techno-economic clearance. The extent of capital investment can be assessed only after these projects are completed.

(c) and (d) The targets for the Ninth Plan are yet to be finalised.

Violating DPE's Directive on Appointment of CMD of Power Grid

4378. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that temporary vacancies of Chairman and Managing Directors in public enterprises can be filled up by giving an acting charge to the senior most functional Director of the Board as per the directives issued by the Department of Public Enterprises;

(b) if so, whether this directive has not been followed in the Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (Power Grid) while appointing Acting CMD upto 30th April, 1997; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not adhering to the directives of the Department of Public Enterprises and whether Government whould rectify the position after 30th April, 1997; if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The senior-most functional Director in POWERGRID had not been given vigilance clearance by the Central Vigilance Commission for regular appointment to the post of CMD. In the circumstances, it was not considered desirable to consider him for appointment as CMD even on a temporary basis. The next senior-most functinal Director was, therefore, given current charge of the post of CMD, POWERGRID, w.e.f. 1.11.1996.

(c) Does not arise.

किसी गांव को विद्युतीकृत घोषित करने के मापदंड

4379. **श्री गोविन्दराम मिरी:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में विद्युतीकरण करने और किसी गांव को विद्युतीकृत घोषित किये जाने के लिए कौन से मापदंड निर्धारित किए गए हैं?